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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: USAF FLIGHTS OUT OF GERMANY IN SUPPORT
OF ZAIRE OPERATIONS

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1. ON MAY 22, EMBOFF GAVE THE INFORMATION IN PARAS TWO THROUGH FOUR OF REFTEL TO DR. FREDO DANNENBRING, HEAD OF NATO AFFAIRS IN THE GERMAN FOREIGN OFFICE. EMBOFF EMPHASIZED THE HUMANITARIAN AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL NATURE OF OUR AIR SUPPORT AND EXPLAINED THAT DATA ON THE FLIGHTS OUT OF GERMANY WERE BEING PROVIDED FOR THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION AND AS A MATTER OF COURTESY.

2. DANNENBRING SAID HE APPRECIATED THE INFORMATION, OBSERVING WRYLY THAT IT WAS "ALWAYS GOOD TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ONE'S OWN COUNTRY." HOWEVER, HE SEEMED BASICALLY RELAXED ABOUT THE FLIGHTS AND HE DID NOT ASK WHY WE HAD NOT INFORMED THE FRG OF
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THEM SOONER. IN NO WAY DID DANNENBRING IMPLY THAT FRG APPROVAL OF SUCH FLIGHTS WAS REQUIRED. HE SAID HE FULLY REALIZED AND APPRECIATED THE HUMANITARIAN PURPOSE OF THE OPERATIONS WE WERE SUPPORTING.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS THAT WE SHALL HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH THE GERMANS IN CONNECTION WITH THESE

FLIGHTS. IN ORDER TO HELP ENSURE THIS, WE REQUEST
THAT WE BE KEPT INFORMED VIA CABLE OF ANY ADDITIONAL
FLIGHTS OUT OF THE FRG IN SUPPORT OF ZAIRE OPERATIONS,
AND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO REVEAL SUCH INFORMATION
TO THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT AT OUR DISCRETION.
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